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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371			U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5 To Be Assigned 10/501645)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR02/03933	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 15 November 2002	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 15 January 2002	
TITLE OF INVENTION Gastric Ring Made of Variable Hardness Elastomeric Material			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US BENCHETRIT, Salomon			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Copy of PCT/RO/101; Copy of PCT Publication 			

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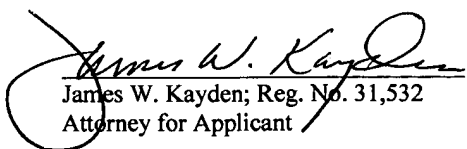
Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned International application are the following documents:

1. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US);
2. Fee Calculation Sheet (in duplicate);
3. A Credit Card Authorization Form;
4. A translated International Application, including 16 pages of Description; 4 pages of Claims; a page of Abstract; and 3 sheets of Drawings (depicting Figures 1-8);
5. Preliminary Amendment;
6. Copy of PCT/R0/101 (PCT Request);
7. Copy of PCT Publication WO 03/059215 A1;
8. Information Disclosure Statement, including a copy of the International Search Report, Form 1449 and six (6) references; and
9. Return receipt postcard.

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